

COPY OF PAPERS
ORIGINALLY FILED

PTO/SB/30 (10/2001)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002 OMB 0851-0031

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Address to:
Commissioner for Patents
Box RCE
Washington, DC 20231

Application Number	09/767,558
Filing Date	January 22, 2001
First Named Inventor	Meluch et al.
Art Unit	1723
Examiner Name	A. Fortuna
Attorney Docket Number	ALT-5612 CON of DIV 1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8,

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114**

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on January 31, 2002
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to

Deposit Account No. 02-1818

i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e)

05/21/2002 JADD01 00000035 09767558

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17)

01 FC:179

740.00 0P

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 740.00 enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print / Type)

Robert M. BarFett

Registration No. (Attorney / Agent)

30,142

Signature

Date

May 7, 2002

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Box RCE, Washington, DC 20231, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark

Name (Print / Type)

Robert J. Baccieri

Signature

Date

May 7, 2002

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. **DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND Fees and Completed Forms to the following address: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box RCE, Washington, DC 20231.**

MAY 20 2002
RECEIVED
PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

TRANSMITTAL LETTER
(General - Patent Pending)

Docket No.
ALT-5612 CON of DIV 1

In Re Application of: **Truch et al.**

Serial No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Group Art Unit
09/767,558	January 22, 2001	A. Fortuna	1723

Title:

MELT-SPUN POLYSULFONE SEMIPERMEABLE MEMBRANES AND METHODS FOR MAKING THE SAME

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

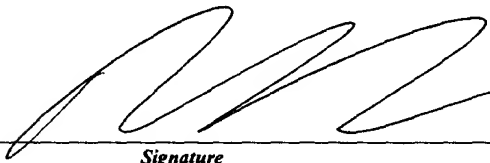
Transmitted herewith is:

COPY OF PAPERS
ORIGINALLY FILED

Request for Continued Examination Transmittal (duplicate)
Amendment
Check in the Amount of \$740.00
Return Receipt Postcard

in the above identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ A check in the amount of _____ is attached.
- ☒ The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. **02-1818** as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ Charge the amount of _____
- ☒ Credit any overpayment.
- ☒ Charge any additional fee required.

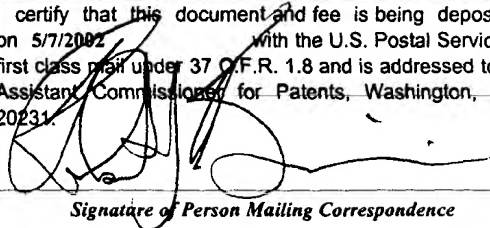

Signature

Dated: May 7, 2002

RECEIVED
MAY 28 2002
TO THE

Robert M. Barrett (30,142)
ATTORNEYS FOR APPLICANTS
Bell, Boyd & Lloyd LLC
P.O. Box 1135
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1135

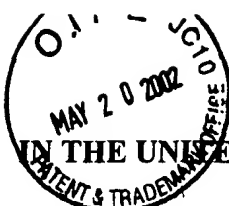
I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on **5/7/2002** with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.


Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence

Robert J. Buccieri

Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence

C:



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Meluch et al.
Appl. No.: 09/767,558
Filed: January 22, 2001
Title: MELT-SPUN POLYSULFONE SEMIPERMEABLE MEMBRANES AND
METHODS FOR MAKING THE SAME
Art Unit: 1723
Examiner: A. Fortuna
Docket No.: ALT-5612 CON of DIV 1

11/12/01
Kw
5/29/02

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 5 and 16 as follows.

COPY OF PAPERS
ORIGINALLY FILED

RECEIVED
MAY 28 2002
TC 1703

R' 1. A polysulfone semipermeable membrane, the polysulfone semipermeable membrane comprising a mixture of: a polysulfone compound and a solvent for the polysulfone compound, and the polysulfone semipermeable membrane having a homogeneous structure such that the polysulfone semipermeable membrane has a substantially uniform pore structure throughout a thickness of the polysulfone semipermeable membrane.

R' 5. A polysulfone semipermeable membrane defined by a composition comprising a mixture of a polysulfone compound, a solvent for the polysulfone compound, and a non-solvent for the polysulfone compound, and the polysulfone semipermeable membrane having a homogeneous structure such that the polysulfone semipermeable membrane has a substantially uniform pore structure throughout a thickness of the polysulfone semipermeable membrane.

R' 16. A polysulfone semipermeable membrane having a substantially uniform pore structure throughout a thickness dimension of the membrane, the polysulfone semipermeable membrane being constructed from a mixture of a polysulfone compound selected from the ground consisting of a polyarylsulfone compound, bisphenol A polysulfone, polyether